

Roanoke's President Expected at Charlottesville to Look Over Griff's Rookies

ELLIOTT TO WATCH NATIONALS' ROOKIES

GRIFFITH'S YOUNGSTERS POUND VIRGINIA'S PITCHERS WITH REGULAR MIDSEASON FORM

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

President of Roanoke Club Will Go to Charlottesville in Search of Players—Al Sheer Attracts Much Attention by His Heavy Hitting.

By "SENATOR."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 8.—In order to take a look at the various youngsters now in the camp of the Climbers and thereby being better able to choose those he may need for the coming season, President Elliott, of the Roanoke club, of the Virginia League, is expected here tomorrow for a day or two. He will watch the Climbers' working out and will then confer with Manager Griffith regarding those he may want. Griffith is perfectly willing to let Elliott have a few of his promising lads for "season's" developing.

"Dutch" Munch, the Washington sandlot backstop, is the first of the squad to be sent to the bushes, going to Fred Burchell's Syracuse team of the New York State League, but others are sure to go. Manager Griffith must of a necessity cut down the roster of his club. He already has too many men, and hard as the task will be, he will soon have to pick and choose among the big bunch of candidates for the various positions on the team.

The outfield candidates are unusually good, judging from the showing to date. Joe Connelly, who is strong and in good condition, is one of the hardest wall-poppers in the squad, and is feared by all the twirlers. His fine running and his powerful arm make him a valuable asset. He is one of the best garden crows harder than any.

Nine Are Trying.

Nine candidates are trying for outfield positions and of this number not more than five can possibly be carried. Four must go by the wayside and each lad in camp is making a game fight not to be one of this number. Manager Griffith refuses to hazard even a guess as to the identity of his final choice at this early date. He won't even admit that little Acosta, on account of his extreme youth, hasn't a good chance to stay with the team.

"I'm going to give every one of these youngsters a full trial. I don't want to overlook any bet," said Manager Griffith today, in chatting over the outlook of the Climbers for this year. "You know what we want in the team, hitters in the outfield, one or two good, effective pitchers to help out Johnson, Brown and Hughes, and a second baseman who can hit and field up to the standard of the others in this league. When I get these men, then and not till then will I say that I am satisfied with the outlook for the season. Right now I cannot say."

With the decision of Zack Frihart and the passing of "Dutch" Munch the total of the Climbers is dropped down to thirty-seven. Two more must be dropped before Ben Johnson will be installed. No team in the American League is supposed to carry more than thirty-five players at any time of the year. The Climbers were thirty-nine here Thursday. Now they are only two above the legal number.

Catchers Are Strong.

Munch and Egan, the kid backstops, might have had a chance had not Al Smith and Henry showed themselves to be in such good condition as they undoubtedly are. Henry is moving around as if his knee had never been opened with a surgeon's blade, while Al Smith

is ready to begin the campaign right now. Of course, with three such good backstops as the Climbers' corps, the chances for a youngster breaking into the charmed circle become beautifully less with each and every day. This very likely influenced Manager Griffith in deciding to send Munch to Syracuse.

When it comes to the infielders, another stiff puzzle faces the "Old Fox." Judging by his work to date, which, of course, is hardly enough to make a final decision possible, Joe Gedeon is going to stay with the Climbers this season. This nineteen-year-old lad is a lightning in the field, and on the bases, and one of the best hitters in the squad. He gets up on top of the ball, hammering out his own with the regular candidates for the second station.

Reb Williams, another nineteen-year-old youth, has all the earmarks of being a comer. His work hasn't been so flashy as Gedeon's, but his performance every day since reporting here stamps him as a good ball player and one who will bear the closest scrutiny. He works around third base like a fish, and has caught Griffith's fancy.

Morley a Good Man.

Bill Morley, the Knoxville rookie, the third member of the Pimentas' infield, has shown unusually good form with the willow, while his work at short shows that he is in the battle for one of the places on the team this season. This big fellow is fast in traveling around the bags and steps around the infield as if on eggs. This is unexpected in a man of his weight, as he tips the scales at 190 pounds strided.

The pitching staff, on the other hand, has not made such an impression on the spectators at Lambeth Field. Elliott Dent, the big fellow from Newark in the International League, and Tom Rohr, the rookie who played in the Central Association, have gone to the fore among the candidates for the mound. Yesterday Buck Barton joined the promising lads and is almost certain to get a thorough workout before being sent to the tail timber.

Calls Them Hopes.

Manager Griffith has called Cashion and Engel that this week. "I hope for this year," and the two youngsters are working their noddies and arms off in an effort to live up to their manager's expectations. With Drohan and Dent added to the list of "hopes" the Climbers have seven pitchers who look worth while for the coming campaign.

Thirteen twirlers are here working out, but several have already shown their need of more experience. They will hardly appear in Washington, being sent to minor league teams from here. Manager Griffith cannot begin to give the proper attention to such a large squad of players as he has and on that account if no other, must cut down the number of candidates this spring.

It is more than probable that two outfielders, four pitchers and one or two infielders will be dropped before the season opens. Manager Griffith may keep several for trials against the National League teams in the spring exhibition series in Washington, but by the time the bell rings he will have his squad down to a working number.

Schaefer's Pimentas Take First Game of Season Played Upon Lambeth Field.

By "SENATOR."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 8.—Schaefer's Pimentas—Spanish for pesky kids—showed they had the real stuff when they vanquished the University of Virginia team 4 to 3, in a full nine-inning battle yesterday. Though they were facing curves for the first time this season, one and all stepped into the pill as the far miners of Lambeth Field. Nevertheless, the collegians stuck to the struggle, and when the last of the ninth appeared the Pimentas were in trouble.

Charlie Sullivan, the Helena, Mont., rookie filagger, was wild and started by passing a line drive to Morley, who was anxious and booted Mickey Guy's hard roller, putting two on the cushions. Beckwith waited for a walk and got it, filling the sacks. Then came a fielding flash by Joe Gedeon, whose all around work during the afternoon for outshone that of all the others. Green hammered a bouncer to the second San Francisco youth. He grabbed it, tagged Beckwith as he raced for the midway and doubled Green with a fancy heave to first. But Fitchett had scored and Guy was on third. A hit meant a tied score.

There was tumult on the Virginia bench. Jack Ryan, the Climbers' veteran catcher, decided to pull out the weak-hitting Gedeon and substitute him, and drove it high and far toward the track in center field. Sheer turned and raced for the track, got his bearings and wound up the contest with one of the best catches ever seen anywhere. It smacked of big league stuff and made Clark Griffith's eyes glimmer. The Pimentas had copied their first game of the campaign on Lambeth Field.

Gedeon Star of Game.

Joe Gedeon was easily the bright star of the battle. The tall, agile native son was all over the field, dragging down six putouts and five assists. He knocked down McGuire's hard drive in the second by a headlong leap and failed to get his man only because he couldn't recover in time. At the bat he whaled a hard bouncer to right field on his hit-and-run in the fourth, pushing Jacinto Calvo to third, and showed a rare burst of speed in reaching the hot corner himself when Reb Williams drove another sizzler to right. In the eighth he slammed a hard one to left center for a corner and immediately annexed second. The Californian showed class in every move.

Bill Morley, the 190-pound shortstop, was the extra-base blinger of the day. In the sixth, with Reb Williams on third, the Knoxville rookie caught one to his liking and shot it to the left while White was getting Schaefer at first. Morley's terrific drive over left's head scored Williams and Al Smith's long skystrapper to left sent Morley over the dish. Sullivan got into trouble in the seventh while for the country by a veteran in spite of his sixteen years and got in a neat single to left field off Grant, Virginia's best twirler. In the fifth he coasted a pass from Clark and stole second with ridiculous ease.

Calvo Has Speed.

Calvo had nothing to do in the garden, but he beat out a slow roller to Neff in the fourth and then raced to third when Gedeon punished the pill for single to right. Reb Williams' fine single to right sent Calvo across the dish.

There was a flutter of comment from the veteran Climbers on the bench when Reb Williams streaked it from first to third in the sixth on Schaefer's roller to short. It took a world of speed to work the trick, but

Box Score of First Game

PIMIENTAS.							VIRGINIA.						
A.B.R.H.P.O.A.E.							A.B.R.H.P.O.A.E.						
Acosta, H.	1	0	1	3	0	0	Finlay, c-lb.	4	1	1	18	0	0
Welchance, H.	2	0	0	0	0	0	Neff, 3b.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Allen, cf.	2	0	0	1	1	0	Lile, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Sheer, cf.	2	0	0	1	0	0	White, ss.	3	0	1	0	1	1
Calvo, rf.	3	1	1	1	0	0	Smith, ss.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Connelly, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0	Fletcher, lf.	2	1	0	0	0	0
Gedeon, 2b.	4	1	2	5	2	0	Phillips, rf.	4	0	2	4	0	0
E. Williams, 3b.	4	1	2	1	1	1	McGuire, 2b.	1	0	1	2	0	1
Schaefer, lb.	4	1	0	1	2	0	Stickle, 2b.	2	0	0	4	1	0
Morley, ss.	4	1	2	0	0	0	James, lb.	1	0	0	3	0	0
Alnsmith, c.	1	0	1	0	3	0	Greene, c.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Munch, c.	1	0	1	0	0	0	Grant, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barton, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0	Clark, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Austin, p.	2	0	0	1	0	0	Gammerd, p.	2	0	0	0	2	0
Sullivan, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0	Hume	1	0	0	0	0	0

Bases on balls—Pimentas, 2; Virginia, 7. Stolen bases—Acosta, Allen, Gedeon, Finlay, and Neff. Three-base hit—Morley. Double plays—Gedeon to Morley to Schaefer; Gedeon to Schaefer; James (unassisted). Umpire—Nick Altrock. Time of game—2 hours and 30 minutes.

The Newark boy is nothing if not speedy.

Buck Barton, the Washington sandlotter; Rob Austin, the Wesleyan college southpaw, and Charlie Sullivan, the Helena, Mont., prodigy, each worked three innings for the Pimentas. Barton yielded a hit in each inning, but did not issue a pass. In the third a combination of a error, a steal, and a bingle gave Virginia a run off him, but the Capital City boy showed a plenty of cool skill on the mound.

Austin worked pretty much like a veteran, giving but two hits without sign of a run. Mickey Guy, who got into the game against him, wallowed him for one hit, a clean single to right field. Sullivan gave only two singles, but he passed four batters in three innings and came close to giving away the victory.

Virginia Gets Run.

Though Lile and McGuire had each made hits in the first two innings, Virginia had failed to score, but the third inning saw the collegians break the ice and take the lead. Two were down when Reb Williams overran Finlay's bunt. The Virginia captain promptly stole second, colliding with Gedeon unnecessarily in doing so. Neff connected with a clean blow, driving the ball into the capitol across, amid a chorus of cheers from the hard benches of the fast-growing stadium.

Al Smith and Acosta singled in the third but the Pimentas failed to score until their half of the fourth, when they seized a couple tallies and rushed to the van, which they never lost. Calvo opened by beating out a dragging roller to Neff and galloped to third on Gedeon's smash to right that bounded over James' head. He latched when Reb Williams slashed one solidly to right. Gedeon taking third by pretty running. When McGuire booted G. Ermine Schaefer's grounder, Gedeon crossed the plate.

Reb Williams singled cleanly to left to open the dish, reaching all the way around to third while White was getting Schaefer at first. Morley's terrific drive over left's head scored Williams and Al Smith's long skystrapper to left sent Morley over the dish. Sullivan got into trouble in the seventh while for the country by a veteran in spite of his sixteen years and got in a neat single to left field off Grant, Virginia's best twirler. In the fifth he coasted a pass from Clark and stole second with ridiculous ease.

Notes of the Game.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 8.—Buck Barton's smooth performance in the box should give him a complete trial.

About a hundred students were spectators and they enjoyed greatly the

Joe Gedeon Features Game by Accepting Many Opportunities in the Outfield.

by the Pimentas hit from the offside of the pitcher.

Bill Morley hit the ball savagely every time he came to the plate, but he hit it in hard luck. In the fourth he lined a hot one into James' glove, starting a double play, as Schaefer was on his way to second.

When Ed Finlay bunted in the third he completely fooled Reb Williams and the counterpart of Buck Weaver over ran the rolling ball, failing to get a good grip on it.

In the eighth Gammorn hit a fast one through the box of Sullivan's shins, but he was right on the job, working in a pretty stop near second and getting his man by a beautiful snap throw.

McGuire, Virginia's second baseman, singled in the second inning and before he could say "Jack Robinson" Al Smith's peg to Schaefer had caught him off the cushion.

Reb Williams showed he knew how to handle a badly bounding ball when he stopped Ed Finlay's bounce in the sixth and got the runner. The ball took a wicked jump just before it got to him, but Williams froze to it all right.

There were calls for Mike Martin, who umpired the practice games here last year, but Mike stayed on the bench, watching the battle. He joined in the applause every now and then for Nick Altrock.

Grant, who twirled the first three seasons for Virginia, looked a very promising pitcher. He has a fine curve ball and had the Pimentas pulling away from the plate for a while. The other pitchers didn't look quite as effective.

Men Are Absent.

Because of the absence of their regular men, Ephraim lost a well-contested basketball game to the National Guardsmen. Score 42 to 12. Cuvillier was the individual star of the engagement, caging no less than nine baskets, some of which were difficult angles. Davis and Dixon starred for the losers.

Starts with a win.

Griff's kids start the season with a win. It was a narrow squeak, but it decided there seems to be little or no interest manifested in coming out on scheduled time for a match.

Chase is hurt.

While details are meager in respect to the accident to Hal Chase there is little doubt but that unfamiliarity in touching the runner at second is directly responsible for the bad ankle. Chase is too valuable a player to be experimented with and unless Chase is sure he will be able to play all season he should put Hal on first.

Is not true.

I see where it is reported that the selection of a captain for Tech team is made by the faculty for the first time. This is by no means true. Tech has always had captains appointed by the faculty subject to approval and in only one instance, that of the selection of a crew captain, have the boys played any part in picking their leader.

Announce Seat Sale

For Date of April 1

Sale of reserved seats for grand stands and for boxes will open at the ball park Tuesday morning, April 1, at 9 o'clock. In order to facilitate the rapid handling of the sale, several officials will be utilized.

No reservations of seats, with the exception of boxes purchased for the season, will be made prior to the opening of the sale. The price of seats in the lower and upper stands will be \$1. The price of box seats will be \$2.50. Seats for the pavilions and for the bleachers will be placed on sale the morning of the opening game.

Kendall Is Winner.

Forty-nine to thirty-one is the score by which the Kendall school defeated the Good Shepherd quint at the former school. For five minutes neither side was able to score, but after Lynch caged the ball for the winners points came rapidly.

Rockville Loses.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 8.—Rockville Academy lost at baseball to the Sandy Springs club by 1 to 5. The Rockville boys did not compare with their opponents in either weight or height, which fact is given by them as an explanation of the one-sided score.

Snappy News From Training Camps

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 8.—Joe Birmingham's team will face curveless pitching today when the Hegglars and Yannigans hook up in a full nine inning battle. Joe does not want any of his men hurt nor any of the pitchers lamed, so he has given instructions to lob the ball over.

Chapman is the only youngster to make an appearance on the regulars today. He breaks in at short, displacing Olsen, who is on the Yannigans. Johnny Beall, the Washington boy, is playing right for the Yannigans with Leibold and Betts in the other positions.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 8.—Examination of Hal Chase's ankle, injured in practice yesterday, reveals the fact that the seerless player will be out for more than a week. Chase was carried to the club house where it was ascertained that his right ankle has received a severe sprain.

The accident occurred in the third inning of a game between the regulars and the Yannigans in which the regulars won 7 to 1 in six innings. Harblson bumped into Chase at second, Hal falling to give ground for the incoming player.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 8.—The arrival of Frank Baker, the slugging third baseman of the Athletics, completes Connie Mack's roster, as the hero of Trape, Md., and Joe Tinkler, morning having completed his long journey.

None of the Athletics are doing more than the lightest sort of work as the weather is unseasonable, rain falling almost every day. Bender, Plank, and Combs have done nothing more than lob the ball about.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Jimmy Callahan's veterans with kid pitchers in the box received a wallop from the Seals yesterday and are booked to come back today with better talent on the mound. The Seals won in nine innings by 2 to 1.

The White Sox outfit the home team but were unable to bunch hits when needed.

MOBILE, Ala., March 8.—Hughie Jennings finds today that he needs neither Ty Cobb nor Sam Crawford to wallop the Cincinnati Reds. Joe Tinkler's team was decisively beaten 8 to 0 by Jennings' Tigers.

Hal, a Tiger recruit, allowed no hits in his three rounds, while Del Gainer, proving that his injured wrist is fit,

lammed out five hits. Veach and Deal got into the line with hits.

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., March 8.—Doolin's Phillies are looking for better weather this week. Today is warm and fair with bright sunshine. Workouts twice a day will be in order during the next few days.

The players received a long workout yesterday and are somewhat stiff in consequence today. Everyone will take a rest in preparation for the harder work of the training campaign this week.

Tomorrow's Entries

For Charleston Track

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 9.—Entries for Monday, March 10:

First race—Purse \$300; four-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs. "Gold Mine," 99; "Lady Hughes," 99; "Chilton Square," 101; "Merle," 106; "Clara," 106; "Miss Nell," 106; "Stal Away," 106; "Edith Inez," 106; "Casque," 108; "Nimble," 108; "Bodkin," 108; "Senator Sparks," 109; "Moukint," 109; "Mad River," 109; "Toddling," 111.

Second race—Purse \$200; two-year-olds; selling; three and one-half furlongs. "Slater Baby," 100; "Luxurious," 105; "Colors," 105; "Edna Leska," 105; "Jesse Louise," 107; "Stonehenge," 109; "Wooden Shoes," 109; "Ada," 111; "Harwood," 112; "Old Jordan," 114; "Chas. Cunnell," 114; "Free Trade," 116; (also eligible) "Managers," 119; "Al Jones," 112; "Rummage," 109.

Third race—Purse \$350; three-year-olds and up; conditions; mile and seventy yards. "Boulder," 101; "Velthorpe," 104; "White Wolf," 104; "Fater," 106; "Miller," 106; "John Furlong," 108; "Shackleton," 111; "Lawton Wiggins," 112.

Fourth race—Purse \$350; three-year-olds and up; selling; handicap; five and one-half furlongs. "Queen Bee," 96; "Progressive," 96; "Viley," 101; "Americus," 104; "White Wolf," 106; "Sylvester," 107; "Hoffman," 107; "Stowin," 104.

Fifth race—Purse \$350; three-year-olds and up; selling; five and one-half furlongs. "Alderman Chico," 111; "Ancon," 109; "Bat Master," 113; "New Haven," 107; "Willie," 53; "Pink Lady," 52; "Dipper," 104; "Tony W," 112; "Martie," 109; "Bush," 106; "Cullen Crews," 102; "Berkeley," 112; "Pike's Peak," 97; "Jack Nunnally," 112; "Coeur d'Alene," 84.

Sixth race—Purse \$300; four-year-olds and up; selling; one and one-eighth miles. "Pendant," 97; "Supervisory," 101; "Lord Elam," 103; "Annie Sellers," 104; "Mud Sill," 106; "Azo," 106; "Spindle," 108; "Irish Kid," 108.

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